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Reforms

Facilities to the Legislative Council for the discussion of the proposals of the Delimitation Committee.

* 345 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the Hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government propose to give an opportunity to the Council for the discussion of the Delimitation Committee's proposals?

A.—Yes.

Elections to the provincial legislatures.

* 346 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the proposals for the preparation of electoral rolls and the conduct of elections to the provincial legislatures are; and

(*b*) when the elections are likely to come up and be completed?

A.—(*a*) Such preliminary steps as are possible for the preparation of provisional electoral rolls have been taken.

(*b*) No decision has yet been arrived at.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I know, Sir, when the preliminary electoral rolls will be completed with a view to make them final, for the coming elections? "

The Hon. Mr. G. T. H. Bracken:—" The dates have not yet been settled and we are ourselves awaiting the final decision of the Government of India."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I at least know the month in which these rolls may be expected to be prepared? "

The Hon. Mr. G. T. H. Bracken:—" I am afraid I know no more than the hon. Member."

Local Self-Government

Number of panchayats at work in each district.

* 347 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the number is of panchayats now working in each district;

(*b*) how many district panchayat officers have been employed in each district; and

(*c*) how many assistant panchayat officers are or are proposed to be employed in each district?

A.—(*a*) A statement [a] is appended.

(*b*) One district panchayat officer has been employed in each local fund district excluding East Tanjore.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 325 infra.